A HEADSTRONG EMPEROR.

WILLIAM WANTS BOTH TO REIGN AND GOV-ERN-THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S WEDDING. FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.

Paris, August 31.
The German Emperor has clearly inherited, through his mother, the novel sense of power which Queen Victoria manifested between her ac sion and the birth of the Emperor Frederick. Her Majesty was then fussy and headlong, and clearly thought that the British Nation could not get on without her. She had a favorite Minister-Lord Melbourne-and fought with Sir Robert Peel, who, as the Premier imposed on her by Parliament, insisted on removing from her household those ladies who passed for being devoted to his rival. Her sense of egotism suddenly became gigantic under the intoxicating effect of her position of young girl Queen. skipped her eldest daughter, who was born while it was still strong, it was handed down to that daughter's eldest son. He wants to be personally in the fore-front of European politics, and to be in the eyes and minds of all the Emperor who reigns and governs. After visiting the Emperor of Russia, the Kings of Sweden, Denmark and Germany, he is going to see (Otho of Bavaria being a lunatic) the Regent, his uncle, and then the Emperor of Austria, the King of Germany, England, and Spain are to salute Humbert and his Imperial guest in the Bay of Naples, those of Greece, France and Russia standing Blook

It is remarked that the German Emperor has not yet asked his mother to figure at the christening of his infant son. The godmother is to be the Queen of Saxony, and the godfather the King of Sweden. One is to hold the babe while the baptismal prayers are being gone through by the chaplain, and the other while the water being sprinkled on its face. The Queen of Saxony was born a Princess of Vasa and grand-daughter of the Swedish Prince whom Bernadotte superseded. Louis Napoleon, shortly after the "Coup d'Etat," made her an offer of marriage. She was then living at Carlsruhe with her aunt, the Grand Duchess of Baden, and was recommended to the French Emperor by the Grand Duchess Stephanie when he went to see her in 1852 at Mannheim. The Princess Caroline Vasa, who was a Lutheran, went over to Roman Catholicism to qualify for the post of Empress of the But the Czar Nicholas, then all powerful in Germany, got her to change her mind, and to compensate her for the loss of an Imperial crown, made up a match between her and Prince George of Saxony-now King. After Sadows, Emperor William, then King of Prussia only, wanted to do with him as he did with the King Hanover and the Duke of Nassau... Wae Crown Prince Frederick of Prassia, however, pleaded for him carnestly and heartily and so preserved to him his crown, which was shorn, nevertheless, of two of its greatest prerogatives-its military supremacy and diplomatic independence. King Oscar is father-in-law of a Baden Princess, whose paternal grandfather was a Vasa and at one time Crown Prince of Sweden. I should imagine a lady would understand better than an elderly gentleman how to manage a baby when cold water is being cast on its face-an operation sure to make it cry. baptism is to take place in the library of Freder-

Stoecker, the anti-Semitic Court chaplain, has been at Oberhof, in the Duchy of Saxe Coburg. | a dozen. to see the four elder sons of the German Emperor. They were there as guests of their great-greatuncle, the brother of the Prince Consort of Engtransports. A member of the German Embassy here has

just told me that the reason of the quarrel be-"The Lafe of the Prince Consort." She gloried in learing (as she fancied) all political work to her busband, and hoped that tasks of the kind he vicariously performed for her should never devolve and public opinion were with Prince William. Whenever the Chancellor went to transact business with the Emperor Frederick, he respectfully asked to be left alone with him, if he found the Empress in the room. She frequently appeared on horseback at reviews with her daughters after she came to the throne, to try to bring the nation round to the idea of an Empress-Regent. But all was in vain. And yet the greatest Prussian sovereign, after the Great Frederick, was the beautiful Queen Louise, mother of William I. She was married to a kind but feeble prince, and so had to take upon herself to govern. Russia never made such progress es under the Czarinas. The best ruler Spain ever had was Isabella I. And vicious as Isabella II. was, she was better than any of her male predecessors since the Emperor Charles V. The Spaniards are now more quiet and well governed than they have been within the century, and the Queen-Regent is a model woman in her public private life.

I believe that Italy will soon send an army corps to Tripoli, and that, if France resists, Germany

The Bonapartists here take much pride in the engagement of Prince Napoleon's only daughter to the Duke of Aosta, ex-King of Spain. The Princes Mathilde alone judges the unbely pact rightly she being of opinion that it must end in a hidden or open "kicking over the traces" by the bride She shrugs her shoulders at the sentimental coun tenance and encouragement given by the Empres Eugenie to the unnatural alliance, which should be regarded as a shame to the elder of the " high contracting parties" and to the parents of the bride, who in a few days will be sister-in-law of namely, the Prince of Naples their to the Italian throne), the Duke of Braganza (heir to the Portuguese throne), and the Duke of Oporto, his brother. She is to be thus aunt-in-law to the eldest daughter of the Comte de Paris and first cousin to her own children, should she have any. The betrothed of the Duke of Aosta is the first French Princess who in this country marries into the House of Savoy. The last one who did so was Clotilde, eldest sister of Louis XVI. and wife of Charles Emmanuel IV. There were in the eighteenth century three Savoyard Princesses (all closely related through their mothers with the Royal House of Bourbon) on the steps of the French throne. They were Marie Adelaide, of giddy memory, Duchess of Burgundy and mother of that Western Sultan, Louis XV.; and the wives of his two grand-

not without precedents in the House of Savoy. Prince Maurice, who was a lay cardinal, wed his niece, Ludovica, in the seventeenth century, and beer the Duke de Chalais fell in love with his in marriage by a hard-up father. With the exception of Louise of Savoy (mother of Frances I of France and Marie Adelaide, Duchess of Burgundy), the Savoyard Princesses who married French Princes were women of high principle and exemplary conduct. The wife of Philip V., the first Bourbon King of Spain, was simply a heroine, gifted with a precocious intellect. She was, at the age of fourteen, the soul of the resistance in that country to the Spanish adherents of the throne, and to the English, who supported his alleged rights in Catalonia and elsewhere. Her husband, a poor, effete creature, who, after her niece, Marianne of Savoy, who was given to him

sons, Louis XVIII and Charles X.

death, became a drivelling hypochondriae, would have run back to Versailles, from whence he came, GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL. to the attitude of the Democracy with regard to the lave run back to Versailles, from whence he came,

Princess Mathilde, was, but more round-faced and

winsome, with less regular beauty. ding were to go off smoothly. Prince Victor, as before the war clessed and I saw some active service, brother of the bride and schismatic head of the family, insists on giving her away. On the other day I had passed a bill pensioning the wife of the Victor, considers that he is better entitled to be how things come round? In those days the Admiral the giver-away of the Princess-first, because he is the air on the same side of the ship together. at the head of the Imperial house. He has vowed that if his son and rival is present at the wedding is trying to smooth matters over. What a strange wedding, to be sure, which unites an elderly uncle with a young and beauteous niece, and separates more than ever a son from a father.

A CRAB FAMINE IN THE THAMES. NOT A SINGLE CATCH NEAR NORWICH.

EXTRAORDINARY EVIDENCE OF LAST WINTER'S RIGOR-CURIOUS FACTS ABOUT CRABS.

Norwich, Conn., Sept. 15 (Special).-It is a singulong congregated.

half his time on land and the other half on the water. other day, "catching many crabs this year?"

this year.

in these parts."

aded the mouth of it where ye see the spile bridge yender, and the fide didn't rise in here 't all 'cause' followed his example. The effect was electrical the water couldn't git in."

The wild rush was checked for a minute and men to accept a place as a clerk in a Government office. the water couldn't git in."

"Would you object to diving down and examining the bottom and seeing if there are any there

"I tell ye there ain't any there. But if ye make

it a consideration, I'll go down for ye." In several successive descents the old skipper a crab could be found. The writer confirmed this grandest and most inspiring sight I ever witnessed, the poet Nunez in "Gil Blas," who would rather fishermen, who have not caught a crab this season. figure—the bareheaded parson leading the music." As to the cause for this strange absense, they all agree in attributing it to the severity of last winter. | Wacht am Rhein" when Laird continued: Crabs spawn in summer. In the fall they are about | I have to lead a cavalry charge I want to do it under one and a half inches long and they burrow in the the stimulus of the bugle. mud where they spend most of the winter season. In the spring they are about four inches long. Be- Stuart was hilled. People have accused Custer of From The Tablet. tween these two stages the young crabs are ex- recklessness and taking desperate chances, and per- Am tremely tender. From birth to maturity they are haps the charge is true, but he could get more out constantly shedding their shells and growing new ones adapted to their increasing size, and during a knew how to handle them, and also because it was in large part of their youth they are unprotected save his nature to fight. Before we went into that engageby the mud in which they hide. There is no doubt ment, Custer had the brigade buglers massed at a that the extraordinary rigor of last winter pene- point a little way off from where we were and had travel to their retreat in the mud and killed them them play two or three military airs. There was no while young. This misfortune has deprived con- 'tinkling sweetness' or 'slivery cadence' about that of a profitable occupation. Hard-saell crabs sell to nerve us to do and die than anything else could for about 36 cents a dozen and soft-shells for will have, and when at last they played Harl to the Chief

land. Stoecker is in high favor with the new | The soft-shell crab is the hard-shell crab soon after Emperor, who, however, has been induced by it has moulted. Four times a year to the young Prince Dismarck to moderate his anti-Jewish crab and once or twice a year to the grown crab a dark cranny or nook in the rocks, swells out until | in one of his most sarea the mood he cracks open his shell and then creeps out. This operation is sometimes extremely painful, for his once been formally recognized in an official document she and her husband wanted, when the utter break down of his health became imminent, to have the Personal variety of the process. If his fiesh did not become imminent, to be the process. have the Regency vested in her. A more capable | soft and watery before shedding he could not get | "That letter of acceptance which the President person never lived for so high a post. But out at all. When the crab has moulted, the once Germany is the cradle of the Salie mailed warrior, who reared no fee except a more Carolina, "of a man down in my county-I will call the Countess Waldersee set powerful antagonist of his own kind, is at the mercy him Jones because that is not his name-who after en Prince William (now Emperor) to protest against the arrangement. He fought his mother with exously guards the entrance to her hiding place until her skin is covered with a fresh deposit of lime. The experienced eye can tell when the change is approaching. Last year a number of "shedders" Jones made his way to the vesiry at the concluestablished themselves on the Thames a few miles of the service and renewing his acquainta south of Norwich near Fost Point. They caught clergyman said:
tard-shell crabs, imprisoned them in a craic beneath
ne water, and when the shells had been shed, the

soft-shell crabs were shipped to New-York and other points.

When the crab is born, he has a long, jointed tail and a curious spine sticking out of his back. During the first eight days of his lite be swims about vigorously, casting his cost several lines. Then he loses his spine, his back becomes broader, and he is what is called the tailed crab. He keeps growing and moulting and gradually folding up his tail, until he becomes the trace waising crab. There is evidence that crabs possess a higher order of finitive than they are generally credited with. There is an authentic record of a quantity of crabs caucht off the Lizard, England, and carried to Falmouth harbor, making their way beek to their original grounds when the crate in which they were imprisoned was broken by a storm. The crabs had been branded and so were easily recognized.

Seemon that I have never forgotten. It did me more good than any seemon it ever heard. It suck by me, and I have always wanted to thank you for it.

"Ah, indeed,' replied the pleased preacher. Such reward of my poor labor is very grateful. I should like to know what seemon it was. Do you remember the text."

"Well, no.! can't tell what the text was now, but it was the greatest seemon I ever heard. It suck by me, and I have always wanted to thank you for it."

"Ah, indeed,' replied the pleased preacher. Such reward of my poor labor is very grateful. I should like to know what seemon it was the subject of the seemon!"

"Well, no.! can't tell what the text was now, but it was the greatest seemon!"

"I should really like to know what seemon!"

From The London Daily News.

During her stay at Gnunden, the Czarina had an opportunity to do something toward repairing an arbitrary and unjust act committed by the late General Drenteln. When Governor of Kleff, he ordered a wealthy manufacturer named Hoitzky, a native of Rumelia, to leave Russian territory within twenty four hours, and all appeals, including a petition to the Czar, only resulted in Hnitzky being arrested in St. Patersburg for several months, and then brought penniless and homeless over the frontier. A few months back he published his case in Venna, and on learning the arrival at Gnunden of the Empress of Russia, presented himself, in evening dreas, and with a large portfolio of documents under his arm, in the waiting room of the station, where, suspected of being a Nihilist, he was detained and carefully searched.

This brought the case under the notice of the Empress, who at once ordered Prince Woronzow Daschkow, to examine the documents. The perfect truth of his story having been ascertained, the Prince was commissioned by the Empress to hand him four hundred florins, and to state that, in her opinion, he had been the victim of a crying injustice. Afterward, Hnitzky had the honor of being received by her Majesty, who promised herself to bring his case before the Czur, with a view to obtain for him complete reparation.

THE WONDROUS WEATHER PLANT.

From The Pall Mall Gazette.

That remarkable specimen of the vegetable world, the "weather plant," continues to excite considerable interest here. Men of science, who on its first discovery were unwilling to express an opinion on its prognesticating virtues, now agree, after extensive experiments, that he shrub is in truth prophetic. Thirty two thousand trials made during the last three years tend to prove its infallbility. The plant fixelf is a legume, commonly called the "Paternoster-pea," but known in botany as the Abros Fereglaus. It is a native of Corsica and Tunis. Its leaf and twig strong by resemble those of the acacia. The more delicate leaves of its upper branches forestell the state of the weather forty eight hours in advance, while its lower and hardler leaves indicate all atmospheric changes three days beforehand. The indications consist in a change in the position of the leaves and in the rise and fall of the twigs and branchlets. From The Pall Mall Gazette. and fall of the twigs and branchlets.

FOR LIPE.

From The Youth's Companion.

Little Bobby, whose mother believes in cautioning her children against the consequences of foolish acts, has often said to him:

"If you get before the train, or fall into the water,

her children against the consequences of footish acts, has often said to him:

"If you get before the train, or fall into the water, you may be killed; and when one is dead it is for a least time.

one time."
One day Bobby, while walking with his uncle, took pains to keep at a safe distance from the shore of the river.

"If I should fall in, I should be drowned." he exclaimed: "and when you're drowned, you're dead; and when you're dead, it's for life!" The unnatural marriage of Princess Lactitia is

THE MAKING OF A BUSINESS MAN.

Washington, Sept. 15 .- When I was a boy," said

her paps, and, second, because he claims to stand I am in Congress and get a pension for his widow." criticisms have a damaging effect, he is probably the had to criticisms have a damaging effect, he is probably the he will have nothing to do with it. King Humbert | Alfred Pleasonton, the famous cavalry leader, came | law out of the \$100 a month which he receives for bebefore Congress. Confederate Pleasonton had a reputation second only to that Office; from that she was advanced to a clerks

and the most fuscious chunks of meat have been tied airs, the "Marselllaise." "I never hear the sound and to gratify personal spite! to the ends of lines and let down where crabs have of a bugle," said Laird, "but that it reminds me of Senator Farwell gave me an instance the other day an incident that occurred during the war when i was in a Michigan cavalry regiment. At Gaines' through one of the denartments he was according to the denartments and the denartments he was according to the denartment of the dena "Wull, ruther. Never see nothin' like it before was in the front. He saw that we were beaten displayed a strong liking for literary pursuits, and back and stampeded. Something had to be done, had frequently committed the indiscretion of writing "Tons of 'em: W'y, I've seen 'em come into this cove so thick at the turn o' the tide that they block burgler. In an instant the burger was playing "John bugier. In an instant the bugier was playing "John count for the success he achieved in after life; as the Brown's Body," and the other bugiers immediately inability to withstand that temptation may likewise halted while they Is ened to the familiar tune. The parson saw his opportunity, and in a voice that would friend of his weakness, for the very next day after company, gave us the words of that famous song. describing the reunion of two friends after long separa-Men on all sides joined in, and that grand old air tion, and recalling in beautiful language, no examined a large area of bottom, but not a sign of with one vast wave of melody. It was the sophisticated. It seemed to be a case like that of conclusion by interview with several oystermen and and the most striking feature of it all was the central scarve and write poetry than live in affluence without

The Marine Rand had by this time got to "Die pen. "H ever a delicious article of food and fishermen | music, but the metallic tones of the burgles as they never played it before or since, and the com-It is a popular fallacy that soft-shell crabs are a different species from hard-shell crabs. Practical fishermen and scientific books both disprove it. even now when I think of it.*

A very much dissuissied resident of the District of Columbia-dissatisfied because he has to pay taxes comes a season of peril and fear. He crawls into and eas't vote remarked to me the other day while

ween the Empress Frederick and her son is that claws are much larger than the joints through -viz., when President Tarlor is one of his Messages

and shell crabs, imprisoned them in a craic beneath in water, and when the shells had been shed, the very place, fifteen years ago. I heard you heach a soft-shell crabs" were shipped to New-York and ther points.

recall the text, what was the subject of the sermon?"
"Well, now, doctor, it's gone from me; I forget now; but I tell you it was a great sermon. It did me more good-it was the most powerful discourse I ever heard. I sha'n't forget it if I live to be eighty."

" "Rut can't you recall anything in it! You excite

" 'No, I can't tell what was in it exactly; the anhject has slipped out of my mind. I don't know exactly what you said, but it was a magnificent ser-It did me more good than all the preaching I ever heard. It has just staid by me for fifteen |

'And you can't recall a word that will help me to

but I remember how it would up. You said, 'Theology ain't religion-not by a — sight, " .

'That's the way the President argues: 'Sly message

gress. One is lilit, of Illimois, who was formerly Assistant Secretary of State and Secretary of the refuted, he would take it down in the Birsterion verbatim reports of many bright things that have been

eratic papers upon the results of the election in Mains. The defeat of their party could not very well have been more complete than it was. Still they induige in such head-lines as this, taken at ra "

DEMOCRATS ENCOURAGED BY THE ELECTION IN MAINE."

This reminds me of a story which General Greeley, Chief of the Signal Service, sometimes tells at his own expense. He is an enthusfastic and very shifful whist player. But like many other whist players, he Is over, of "reviewing" it, and teiling his partner what might have been had such and such card been played. is or that suit led, here a trick taken and there a lister manife and so on. Well, one evening, playing against at a friend's house, he found all his skill unatelling. The cards were against him. He could nake no headway. The concluding point of the rubbits partner led. The trick went to the fourth nanife the could as part of the 8st years since of the cards were dealt and its partner led. The trick went to the fourth nanife the could as point of the rubbits partner led. The trick went to the fourth nanife the control of the rubbits partner led. The trick went to the fourth nanife the chief the cards were taken by the other side. General Greeky adjusted his played as whitevears of the chief that said its partner, we got out of that better than I knowled two would."

Whist-players will appreciate the application of this of the players are the second as the could account for every shot in his locker "going so quickly."—(Fun.

An odf gentleman's PICNIC.

An odd gentleman in Bowdoin took his first summer tour of the town of preading and John Stetch was a standard of the town of preading and John Stetch as the way to the steam standard of the two will open a small store of some kind will open a small store of some kin this or that suit led, here a trick taken and there a discard made, and so on. Well, one evening, playing a game at a friend's house, he found all his skill unavailing. The cards were against him. He could
make no headway. The concluding point of the rubber was finally reached. The cards were dealt and
his partner led. The trick went to the fourth man.
The second shared a similar fate. So did the third
and fourth. In fact, it proved a "whitewash." All
the thirteen tricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks were taken by the other side. Gengraf (recht ricks) and ricks are ricks were taken by the other day.

Though the other day. Though horn in the town of
bre-den, and for a large part of the 84 years since a
dweller near the Kennebee, Elijah Hinkley had never
been on board a steamer or further down the river
than hath. The other morning he joined the host of
cummer tourists. He waited from Rowdon to
like the other day.

Though eral Greeley adjusted his plasses as he threw down that home in Bowdoin, well satisfied with his voyage cards still remaining in his hand, and after a minute's slience, remarked with a tone of great satisfaction

The portrait of Princess Lactitia is in the shop windows. She is very like what her aunt, the THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE—AN age of "REFORM."

A letter has been nanged me addressed to the but of the Tribune does to of the Tribune does not know what injury it does the cause of Harrison of THE NEW YORK CLUB—PROSand Morton by its criticisms upon Pension Commis-sioner Black." The letter purports to have been It does not seem as if the Duke of Aosta's wedling were to go off smoothly. Prince Victor, as before the reasonable to suppose that it was written by one of General Black's friends in this city. It is hardly necessary to inform the writer of this anonymous communication that critihand, Prince Napoleon (Plon Plon), the father of admiral on whose flagship I served. Funny, (sn't it, cisms of General Black's official conduct are made irrespective of the effect which they may have upon the should have incurred the displeasure of the gods of was such a big man that he and I couldn't breathe cause of Harrison and Morton. If he thinks that the Now criticisms have a damaging effect, he is probably the had to cruise around in a cheesy fog last spring, and Another strange turn happened in the kaleidoscope | The Tribune cannot see to what sympathy a man is of fate not long ago, when the bill to retire General entitled who is not willing to support his mother-in-General Hooker, a one-armed ing totally disabled and requiring the constant attendsoldier, championed the bill in the ance of another person; nor out of the \$5,000 which House, and Senator Butler, of South Carolina, who he gets every year to prove that he is not totally dislost a leg in the cavalry fight at Brandy Station | abled; but who quarters that relative upon the Gov- great part, perhaps, this has been due to the wellfighting against Colonet Pleasonton, was the chief crament. First, as she was unable to pass the examisupporter of the bill in the Senaie. At one time nution, he had her appointed as a laborer in the Patent has facetiously termed the "Commodore for the Preof Sheridan as a dashing cavairy commander, but of late years he has been in almost destitute circum-Now the men against whom he fought is taken to and from her office by Government horses have to turn in and help pass a bill for his relief. and in a Government carriage. Apparently, too, this as if a fitting climax would be set on the season's family is not easily satisfied, for the mother-in-law's The Saturday afternoon concerts on the lawn back son was already drawing a salary in the Pension Office. lar if not unprecedented fact that no crabs are to of the White House are greatly enjoyed by Washing going in as a messenger, and rising rapidly to a \$1,200 Italy, and the Pope. The united squadrons of be caught in this neighborhood this season. For tonians, and there is always a large crowd scattered eleriship, when she was appointed. Does the anony-"crabbing" along the banks of the Thames about the grounds to listen to the Marine Band. mons correspondent wish greater mercy shown to Ger and its many coves has a highly popular sport. But A few Saturdays ago I was strolling on the lawn | eral Black because of such flagrant nepotism, or bethis year, strange to say, no crabs have been cap-tured, although the most tempting old fish-heads and listening to that most inspiring of all National predecessor in official reports for partisan purposes

ave made his fortune as the baritone of an opera | their meeting the Senator received a poetical effusion was sung by a thousand voices, and filled the field the days when both were very young and very unbeing permitted to gratify the yearnings of his itening

THE ISLE OF LEPERS.

THE PATE OF BRAVE FATHER DAMIEN.

Father Conrardy, who recently went out from mories to Join Father Damien in his work among the pers of Hawai stationed in the Island of Morakai, ees a terribic account of his surroundings. He The portion of Molakal the lopers occupy is about

ortion of Molakai the lepers occupy is about so long and half or three quarters of a mile perfect place of sechasion, for if the poor ught of escaping very few of them could do high chird separate us from the other part and—so high that clouds most of the time cover. As for leprosy, I don't think it can be it is confusious by contact or by inhalation, ne who lives among them comes in contact in a thousand ways. I believe there is no slightly of remaining uncontaminated that of poor Father Dam ck before he wrote among them.

es in a very bad condition. It is sail to see ing boys with crippied and mangled hands, some or ten years of as, washing their clothes or trying each ten years of as, washing their clothes or trying each them. I heard some of them saying at the to so many deaths, "We will die if we stay here; we home we would not de?" not flinking a had been brought to Morakai to die, and that will never see their home again nor any of those e dear to them-father, mother, brothers, and sis. If the by a dwine and mereful Providence, Eather Bamien, Brother Dutton, (a convert from seepallantam, and last of all myself, have been sen to replace them here below till the day of a reunion in the next would comes. Leprony does work or spease on all in the same way. It each its verfus one part is particuly affected; generally the ears, nose, eyes, cheeks, need, throat, hands and feet affected, but in different ways, some are blind cause their eyes rot away, or because they double—sockets of the eyes come out as if they had their sockets of the eyes come out as if they had their sockets of the eyes come out as if they had their sockets of the eyes come out as if they had their soutide. Father Pamien's cars are builty swollen, it his face, neek, and hands are covered with bolls a swelling; one knee is particularly affected, in spite of all that he is very active, always work; at something. Besides providing for the whole usefueld, about one hundred strong (food and some thing, also matches and soap, are furnished by the verminent, and attenting to the dying, he is now sy putting an addition to our little chapel (20 ft, 40th, the work being done by lepars. A new extrement, and attenting to the dying, he is now sy putting an addition to our little chapel (20 ft, 40th, the work being done by lepars. A new extrement, and attenting to the dying, he is now by putting an addition to our little chapel (20 ft, 40th, the work being done to the dying, he is now by some lepars."

some lepers. to be seen to a services of men and women of the length, and the gentlemen of the le lolly convinced that it is entirely useles-for them in any other religion than in the

Poor Dec.

Paris letter to The London Telegraph.

Paris letter to The London Telegraph.

The following story reaches me from Montrichard, and is declared, although improbable, to be "a true and is declared, although improbable, to be "a true bill." A short time ago a fine sporting dog was found by some kind people wandering, collarless, in search of its master. They gave the animal a home while they looked far and while for its owner. The dog, lowever, was restless. It ran out at intervals during the first week, but on its return it was always well releved. The next week, however, it absented itself for some days, and when it came back its host gave it a beating. It started off at once in the direction of the river, plunged into the water, and struck out until it was exhausted—deliberately drowning itself in the middle of the stream.

This strange incident was witnessed by several speciators, who are unanimous in declaring that this was a facilitied case of fels de se. The poor animal is supposed to have been inconsolable at having lost its master, and the harshuess with which it had been treated by its new friend settled the business.

YACHTING ALMOST OVER

SOME CURIOUS CHANGES WROUGHT BY TIME A letter has been handed me addressed to the "Edi-

PECTS OF THE FALL REGATTA. Now that the Eastern Yacht Club has finished its "bob-tailed" fall regatta, there is little more for yachts men to do during the ley weather. Boston yachts-men seem to be an unlucky set, though they don't They are, as a rule, men who know how to sail their own boats, and why they wind and weather, it is hard to understand. They epirits. They hoped next to have a visit from the

The New-Yorkers themselves, on the other hand, have enjoyed the best possible fortune in wind, weather and interest due to numerous entries. deserved luck of Elbridge T. Gerry, whom somebody hip, and vention of Cruelty to the New-York Yacht Club." Everything done under the auspices of the New-York met with thorough success, and now everything looks sport by the fall regatia this week. If Commodore will not be left to hobble over the course by themselves, | is settled. for the " Down East" yachtsmen propose to come here with them.

There will, on the occasion of this year's regatta, On one of the coves near Norwich which is a famons crabbing resort lives an old man, who spends
half his time on land and the other half on the water.
"Cap'n," said the writer to this old expert the
other day, "catching many crabs this year?"

The chaptan of the regiment ought
to have belonged to the Church Militant. He was
a manificent specimen of manhood—six feet in his
stockings, broad shouldered, with strong, handsome
this year. Skeercer in feathers on a codish."

"Snot a crab," he replied, "Hain't seen a crab
this year. Skeercer in feathers on a codish."

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the Alert, of heaven to the Alert, strolling he no first-class schooners entered. The Palmer \$1,000 a side will make the contest still more ex- of Jack changes. But he is enjoying the fat comaccident to his centre-board and wants revenge. If | plane at a good figure. there is a ten-knot breeze that day, it is not probable that he will get it, but in a light wind and a fairly smooth sea the Grayling's chances are better than rate, their contest in the regatta will decide whether

> The Volunteer is almost certain to come down for of winning, be it a day for drifting or one for mission and has been laid up for the winter. Shamrock are here now and the Bedouin will probably come down from Marblehead in a day or two. Katrina was on the railway dock at City Island last week, had her bottom scraped and was put in general good trim to do good work in the regatta. Then, finally, among the single-stickers, the forty-footers will again provide a programme of their own. Nymph, Papouse, Baboon and Banshee are almost ertain to start, and there are strong probabilities that New-Yorkers will have a chance to admire the Chiquita and the new Scotch cutter Minerva. entries will then include specimens of the American or hodox centre-board sloop, the American compromise sloop, the American cutter, and the British otter. The little follows are closely matched, the time allowance will be small, and the finish should be

match-race.

a fine sight. The New-York people have renewed the talk of a chib-house at Newport. The story now goes that a by unscrupulous customers who rent planes or buy number of Newport people, the same who subscribed them on long instalments, but it is difficult to hide the Newport Cups, have offered, as a gift to the so large an article and it can generally be traced. club, a fine piece of land on The Cove, on which to | Sometimes attempts are made to hide them in storage erect a club-house. Those who know Newport Harbor | warehouses, the proprietors of which will seldom will recognize the advantage of such a site. Rear | tell whose goods they have in store. In such case commodore Morgan leased a large mansion with a writ of replevin solves the doubt, but at some extensive grounds on the Cove when the flort expense and trouble. It speaks well for the prosreached Newport before disbanding, and those who pority of New-York workingmen, or ill for their visited the Commodore were charmed with the spot. It is understood that the proposed site adjoins the organs in the flats of mechanics and even laboring place referred to. As to the advisability of the action | men, most of which are owned by them, having been Captain Reland Felger Coffin, whose opinion on such bought on the instalment plan with the little savings judgment in an article recently published in "Outing," It was this:

"A proposition has been made to establish the headquarters of the New-York Yacht Club at New-port on account of its central position, half way between the two great yachting ports of Boston and New-York, and because it possesses avowedly the best racing courses in the United States. This would, I think, be unwise; but I do consider that it would be in the interests of yachting to establish a which members of other clubs should be eligible, either as a distinct and independent yacht club, or an association composed of delegates from all existing clubs. Yacht clubs have multiplied to such an ex-tent, and the sport has attained such an importance, classes of vessels could have their days, from the scarce any port other than Newport has the courses round Block Island for the big yachts, and it has been the home of the cat-boat from its earliest his tory, and has a fine expanse of smooth water, practically tideless and free from shoals."

mont Yacht Club, has done a great deal for the furtherance of the sport during the season and is not tired September 8, was spoiled by a driving drizzle and a galloping gale, in which it was not safe for the babies to venture out. The race therefore had to be post-poned until resterday. The Larchmonters were so tickled by the success of their recent races for lorryfoot sloops that they think they can stand another dose, and they are right. A match race has been arranged for the Banshee, Nymph and Balsoon, after the worth while for the rest of the forty footers to walt here a couple of days after the New-York regatta. This race will probably be the last of the season at Larchmont, and nothing remains to be done but shut up shop for the winter with appropriate ceremonies,

The closing demonstration of the American Yacht Club will occur next week at Milion Point. if the latter could arrange for the transportation of the guests to his (Connor's) place, they would be well entertained. Captain Hall at once visited Mr. Gould and the use of the Atalanta was readily offered. He

John Mumm has sold his new sloop to John D. Burrett, owner of the Madeap. The new yacht is forty-seven feet six inches on the waterline, seventeen feet From Time.

have just one more little race to-day. This is positively the last, except a cat-boat race, for cups given by Jacob Varian, to be sailed next Tuesday, September 18. The steam-yachtsmen of the American Yacht Club are now busy starving themselves into a clam-appetite.

STRAY NOTES ON THE PIANO.

METHODS OF MAKING MONEY WITH IT. SOME TRICKS OF THE TRADE AND POINTER FOR PURCHASERS.

If any man is in need of a warm, intimate and oliging friend, let him casually mention among a knot of his acquaintances that his wife wants a plane, and he is thinking seriously of buying it. Ten chances to one he will be surprised at the fervor with which some one of them will sympathize with him in his thoughtfulness for his wife's pleasure, and will offer and even insist on first speaking to a man he knows in the plane trade, a right good fellow, who out of friendship for him will let you have a piano at rockbottom prices, first cost in fact, away down below what it will cost you if you go unintroduced among the plano dealers and display your ignorance of what a good plane is really worth. You may have known Jack for years without discovering his obliging nature, but now you regret you did not get better acquainted with him before and you think less, perhaps, of your former chum, who says "you would be a first-class chump to put a lot of good money into a jangling piano, to destroy your own peace and that of your neighbors." You go home and tell your wife what a Gerry can conjure up another supply of good clear knowing fellow Jack is, and how by his aid you can weather and a big bag full of ten-knot breeze, there got her the plane, much sooner than you expected. will be plenty of fun for the large fleet which will she suggests that she go along too, to examine if adoubtedly take part. The New-York City yaches before buying. This seems reasonable and the thing

The next day Jack meets you, says he's fixed the and if possible take some metropolitan wealth home matter with his intimate friend the plane dealer, who, on account of obligations he is under to Jack, will let you have a \$500 plane for \$400. You must come over right now and see him while he's in the humor. You suggest that your wife wants to examine it first. Jack's bright face clouds at once. "No! no women!" he answers, "They always spoil things, Offend the man at once by hoking what is as good as a gift horse in the mouth. Never know when one is The third-class | doing him a downright favor, along, you must go it alone and pay full price remembered that when he knew him he had always certain to be in the race, and nothing better than now or never, before the dealer has time to repent that can be looked for. It is said that A. Cass of his generous folly." So you go to show your ap-Canfield has improved the rig of his yacht since the preciation of Jack's kindness, and before you get away cruise and is looking for blood. The fact that the have bought an instrument you know nothing in the owner of the Grayling has challenged Metcaif and world about, but are assured is a tremendous bargain. Owen to race twelve miles to windward and back for A few days after it is in your house your high opinion citing. Mr. Fish did not like to be beaten by an mission the plane dealer paid him for selling a cheap

WHAT COMPETITION DOES.

The only way for you to get even is by going and doing likewise, if you are mean enough. Plano deal-The windward leg in a moderate breeze ers will give you a big commission on sales, for comought to make some close work for both. At any petition among them is close. So close in fact is it. that the renting of pianos by the month forms a large there will be sport worth seeing on the day of the part of the trade of many dealers. This plan of renting is also a powerful factor in the sale of the instrument, for many a father of a family who could not be a spin with the Mayflower and almost equally certain | coaxed into laying out a big lump of money for one, will allow himself to be persuaded into renting one for double reefs. The Puritan has gone out of com- his daughter at say \$2 a month. After it has been in This the house eighteen months, he begins to think it is leaves a match-race, and perhaps there will be a costing too much, and talks about returning it. Now surprise, or a fortunate fluke. The second class of is the time for the young people to set upon him. There sloops will undoubtedly fill, for the Katrina and have just grown fond of it; their education surely ought to count for something, and must not be negif they saw it being taken away; they would be sure to spread the news that it had been selzed for debt. This last argument generally staggers the head of the house, and that moment is taken to impress on his mind the advantageous terms that the piano agent offers-a liberal reduction on the first price, all the rent paid so far to be considered as the first payment and the rest to be paid in easy instalments, without

The inevitable result is that he comes to think it would be money saved to buy the instrument, his daughters vote him a "dear, good thing," and the plane agent goes on his way rejoicing to get the thin edge of his wedge into some other family with the news that "neighbor Jones has bought a plane for his girls and you can't afford to let them outshits yours." Dealers are, of course, sometimes defrauded economy, to see the large numbers of planos and they have been able to make, in spite of their much abused capitalistic employers, who are popularly credited with being employed most of the time in concecting schemes to "suck the life bloud" of the

One of the remarkable things about a plane is the amount of the reduction which a stubborn customer can thing is the number of salesmen, saleswomen, shops and factories that are maintained by the sale of an article, which costs so much money, lasts so long has been so long before the public that there is no novelig about it, and which, it would seem on first thoughts. buying one. But perhaps the lack of knowing cus tomers, the tendency of most people to pay about what they are asked, and the overpowering manner of the urbane salesman, who jingles the keys with the air of a Joseffy, accounts for the whole thing. For comssions must be paid, and if a dealer can get \$1,000 for a \$700 piano, it is good for trade. Moreover, most purchasers like to boast of how much their furniture

osts, and why should they be denied that little luxury ! It is claimed that the best planes in the world are now made in New-York, and more than 50,000 of them were turned out last year. Undoubtedly some of the worst planes in the world are made here, too. ese thrash are not, as a rule, marked with the maker's real name, but receive a name which will shere they are to be sold-such as "The Arkansaw which so materially aids in their sale that a plane worth about \$150 under any other name will bring several hundreds, if a glib salesman can properly po-sent the duty of supporting home industries. Every factured in America, and the number of people who

muste teachers alone in New-York and its suburbs. Upright planes are all the fashion now, square tyright phanes are all the hishor now, square and grand proving too cumbersome for most houser, and as a result a grand plane may be purchased at remarkably low figures after a short and generally harmless service for concert use. Prices of course range widely, according to make and finish, but when \$150 on long time will buy a fairly serviceable instrument, itwenty years is about the average life of a plane it would seem as if almost any one night have it. Even a dry goods saleswoman does not find the possession of one so far beyond her reach as some of her neighbors might wish, along toward midnight. of her ne ghlors might wish, along toward midnight and then again there is scarcely any limit to the money that may be spent upon decorating the outside. A few wealthy people in this city own name for which they paid from two to four thousand dollars, but the best plane that is made may be bought in a plain case for \$700.

and the use of the Atalanta was readily offered. He also secured several other steam yachis, and when the invading hosts reached Captain Connor's country seat the invaded host is said to have thrown up his hands in despair. Luckily, there were plenty of clams to go around, but the inroads on the hennery are said to have been abnormal. This year Captain Connor is going to be master of ceremonies again, and is as yet on the fence between a monster clambake and an ox-and-sucking-pig barbecue. Whatever it may be, however, there is fun ahead for the epicures.

BRIEF YARNS.

The question of the Newbort club-house of the New York Yacht Club will be discussed fuily at the regular general meeting on October 25.

The schooner Ranger, owned by G. E. Chisholm, is on J. M. Bayles a Sons ways at Part Joilerson, and is receiving a thorough overhauling.

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